

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 25, 2003, please amend the subject application as follows:

*I. IN THE CLAIMS*

1. (Previously Presented) A dummy plug for use with an associated wiring harness, the wiring harness having a connector body, two connector cavities, a flange for securing the dummy plug in place, the flange having a top surface and a bottom surface, a latch beam, two latch arms, a first length, a spacer, and a perimeter seal, the perimeter seal having two latch arm openings for receiving the latch arms, the dummy plug comprising:

18 durometer inherently lubricating silicon;

a head;

multiple ribs, the multiple ribs having a first width;

a stem, the stem having a second width, the second width being less than the first width;

a female end, the female end having a third width, the third width being less than the first width and greater than the second width, the female end having a base, the base being held in place by the associated bottom surface; and,

a second length, the second length being substantially the same as the associated first length, such that the female end is substantially flush with the associated latch arm.

Claims 2-5 (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) A dummy plug for use with an associated wiring harness, the wiring harness having a first length, a latch beam, and a latch arm, the dummy plug comprising:

a first end;

a female end;

a second length, the second length being substantially the same as the associated first length;

a head;

a stem, the stem having a second width, the female end having a third width, the third width being greater than the second width; and,

a base, the base being held in place by the associated bottom surface.

7. (Original) The dummy plug of claim 6, wherein the dummy plug has multiple ribs.

8. (Original) The dummy plug of claim 7, wherein the dummy plug is inherently lubricating silicon.

9. (Previously Presented) The dummy plug of claim 8, wherein the silicon is 18 durometer.

Claims 10-21 (Cancelled)

**II. CONCLUSION**

In response to the Office Action dated November 25, 2003, claims 2-5 and 15-21 have been cancelled. At this point, applicant believes that the claims remaining in the case distinguish over the art cited and comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §102, §103, and §112. As such, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

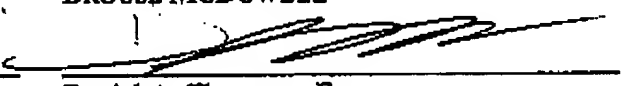
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the required fee or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1210.

Respectfully submitted,

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